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Attorney General John Ashcroft US Department of Justice 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I urge you as strongly as possible to settle the Microsoft antitrust case and to end the extensive and costly legal proceedings against them. I find the amount of money spent fighting the case an irresponsible use of resources, and the case should be wrapped up as quickly as possible at this point.

As an everyday computer user, I find a uniform operating system to be beneficial in my ability to smoothly operate my PC. Though some of Microsoft's tactics have been heavy-handed, there is no denying the success they have had in making programs work seamlessly with each other and creating a standard other companies have yet to match. Though they will lose some of their entrepreneurial freedom in disclosing Windows coding to competitors, it will allow Microsoft to get back to business, and to continue paving the way for innovations that benefit millions of people.

Therefore, I am in favor of settling the case as soon as possible. If our past President, Mr. Clinton had spent as much time, energy and money pursuing Bin Laden and company as he had pursuing Bill Gates and company (Microsoft), we as a nation would be in better shape. One of the main reasons I voted for President Bush was in the belief that he would do the right thing.

Sincerely,